42.	IS 7908	Sulphur dioxide, Food grade
43.	IS 7928	Alginic acid, Food grade
44.	IS 9504	Tartaric acid, Food grade
45.	IS 10563	Mineral Oil, Food grade
46.	IS 8356	Titanium dioxide, Food grade
47.	IS 9971	DL Lactic acid, Food grade
48.	IS 1166	Condensed milk sweetened
49.	IS 1166	Condensed skimmed milk sweetened
50.	IS 1165	Milk Powder
51.	IS 13334	Skimmed milk powder
52.	IS 14542	Partly skimmed milk powder
53.	IS 1547	Infant milk foods
54.	IS 1656	Milk-cereal base weaning foods
55.	IS 11156	Infant formulae.
56.	IS 1166	Partly skimmed sweetened condonsed milk.
57.	IS 13248	Natural mineral water *(w.e.f.* 29.3.2001)
58.	IS 14543	Packaged drinking water *(w.e.f.* 29.3.2001).

Sex ratio

59. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that provisional figures of Census 2001 have indicated that the sex ratio in the age group of 0—6 has declined sharply from 945 females per 1000 males in 1991 to 927 females currently;

(b) whether Government consider that the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 has not been properly implemented as a result of which female foeticide in the country is on the increase; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Increasing trend of female foeticide in the country is mainly due to many social, economic reasons, for instance, practice of dowry and son-preference in a family.

(c) The Government of India has enacted the Pre-Natal diagonostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994. The implementation of the Act rests with the States/UTs. Important steps taken by the Government of India are stated below:

The States/UTs have been advised to mount an effective awareness campaigns to make the public and service providers aware of the provision of the Act.

The States/UTs have also been advised to provide protection to social activists and Non-Governmental Organisations giving information or filing complaints of violation of provisions of the Act. After the Census 2001 figures were available, letters have been addressed to the Chief Ministers of all States/UTs to give focused attention to the issue of adverse sex ratio. Chief Secretaries of all the States/UTs have also been addressed recently for following up on implementation of various provisions of the PNDT Act.

Workshops/Seminars are being organized at State/district level, to create awareness about the provisions of the Act. National Level Non-Governmental Organisations have been requested to take up projects for generating awareness about the provisions of the Act, among doctors/clinics/law enforcing authorities and public at large. In December, 2000 the Department of Family Welfare has written letters to 82 Mother NGOs to direct the field NGOs to generate within their jurisdiction, awareness and public opinion against the malpractice of selective abortion. The co-operation of the NGOs has also been elicited in listing and enumerating, within their jurisdiction, the name the address of premises where the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) is being performed, with a view to detecting registered/unregistered clinics.